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# Cabbie Says Russians Offered 'Big Money'

A Washington cab driver has told the Justice Department that a Soviet diplomat promised him "big money" if he went to work for the United States Central Intelligence Agency and "completed studies" for the Russians.

Department files also disclose that a former State Department employee received \$150 from a Soviet official for material dealing with the United States foreign service.

They are Raoul F. Kulberg, 30, listed as living in the 1900 block of Seventeenth street N.W. and Stephen B. Gleason, 42, the cab driver, of 8113 Fourteenth avenue, Hyattsville, Md.

Both denied any wrong doing. However, both were requested by the Justice Department to register as foreign agents, and both did so on May 16.

Mr. Gleason, who drives a limousine at Washington National Airport, said he also had been offered free trips to Russia and assistance in getting his writings published.

Mr. Gleason, who said that he had kept the Justice Department informed of his contacts with the Soviet officials, said that he had received \$200 on January 13 from Gennady V. Gavrikov, third secretary at the Soviet Embassy.

Mr. Gleason said in his registration statement that he first met Mr. Gavrikov on November 17, 1959, when he went to the Soviet Embassy to ask about employment opportunities.

He said that on December 9, Mr. Gavrikov had introduced him to a man named "Giorgi" who asked him to "prepare two studies for the Embassy."

Mr. Gleason said he refused, "but left the door open for further bargaining" to obtain information about Soviet operations.

In his registration statement, Mr. Gleason said he had provided the Soviets only with "misinformation."

Later, he said, "Giorgi" asked him to "seek employment with CIA."



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... since he had not sought arranged or expected payment. He added that he was registered only "to forestall possible action."

Mr. Kulberg said yesterday that he now does public relations work in New York. He said he could not give details because his employers are "sensitive," and that publicity may have already cost him his job.

He said Mr. Zastrovsky had suggested he gather more information, which the Soviet diplomat could use for further articles and could mean "more money for both of us."

By this time, however, Mr. Kulberg said, he was becoming suspicious of Mr. Zastrovsky's motives, and furnished no more information for him.

The Russian, he said, never specified exactly what type of information he was after.

Not Surprised at Being Used

He approached Mr. Zastrovsky with the attitude that all Russian diplomats are "as wily as serpents and gentle as doves," Mr. Kulberg said. However, he said, he wanted to be friendly with him because he had heard that many Russians in this country often feel lonely and outcast.

He said the awareness that the Russian official was trying to use him to gather intelligence "came as no great surprise."

He was disturbed about publicity concerning the incident, he said, because he plans to visit Russia soon and his chances of obtaining a visa may have been impaired.

He felt he was coerced into registering as a foreign agent by the Justice Department, he said.

"They are bigger than I am," he said.

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## Kulberg Gives Details

Mr. Kulberg said in his statement filed with the Justice Department that he had "given some materials I had collected for a class paper (e.g., college catalogues, a Congressional report)" to Eugeni A. Zastrovsky, then second secretary of the Soviet Embassy.

He explained in the statement that Mr. Zastrovsky had said that he would like the materials because he was going to write an article for a Soviet journal on foreign service personnel.

Mr. Kulberg said Mr. Zastrovsky later told him he had received payment for the article and wanted to share it with him.

"Over my protests," said Mr. Kulberg in the statement, "he gave me \$150." Mr. Kulberg said he had reported this to his superiors.

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